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### General Comment

Do not force religious institutions to have to choose between the services they provide to the communities they serve, and compliance with ethically suspect government mandates.

I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor, and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions. The religious exemption for employers must be broadened so that sterilization and prescription contraceptives, especially those which may cause an early abortion, are not required in private health plans. Conscience rights and religious freedom must be respected.